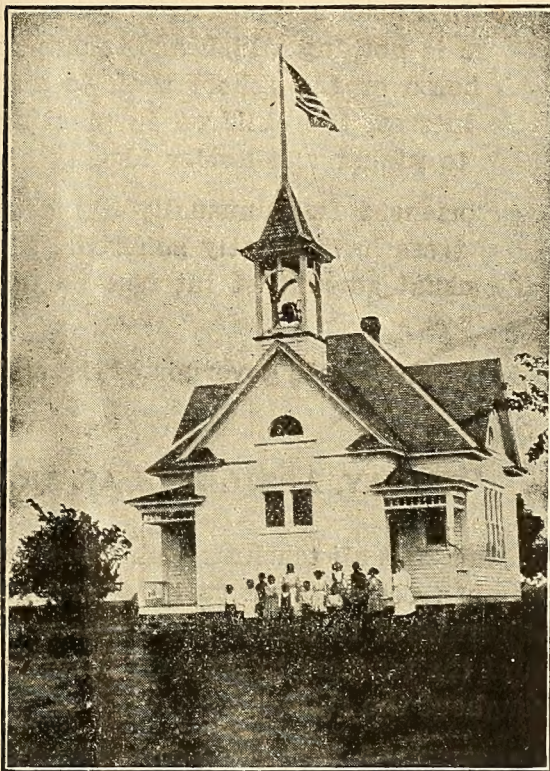


Iowa, Dept. of public instruction.

ARBOR DAY

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Friday, April 26, 1912



¶ A vision of what the future has in store for each rural community in Iowa that acts today.

This modern one room rural school building is found in Linn County, Iowa.

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State of Iowa
Executive Department

A Proclamation

By the Governor:

By custom the last Friday in April has been established as a day for the planting of trees upon and otherwise beautifying the school grounds of the state. There is nothing which adds more to the beauty and attractiveness of the home or the school than to surround it with trees and shrubbery. To interest the children in planting and caring for trees is to inspire them to higher and nobler ideals.

We have experienced two unusually dry seasons during which shade and ornamental trees have greatly suffered. It is therefore desired that more than the usual amount of interest be taken in tree planting this season.

Therefore, I, B. F. Carroll, governor of the state of Iowa, do hereby proclaim

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH AS ARBOR DAY

and I recommend that all teachers and school officers see to it that a sufficient number of trees of select varieties and sufficient shrubbery of suitable kind be furnished to enable the children with the aid of and under the direction of the teachers to properly beautify and ornament the school grounds throughout the state.

I further recommend that the people generally observe this as a day for the planting of shrubbery, shade, fruit and ornamental trees to the end that the homes may be beautified and ornamented and the farms of the state made more attractive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of
the State of Iowa, this 29th day of March, A. D.
1912.

(Seal)

B. F. CARROLL,
Governor.

Attest: W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.

By J. M. JAMIESON,
Deputy.

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State of Iowa
Department of Public Instruction
Des Moines

*To the Teachers, Pupils and Patrons
of the Schools of Iowa:*

Rarely do I see a tree of unusual size and beauty on a fine stretch of green that I do not at once think, if only every schoolhouse could have such a location. What a joy that tree would be to the children! What a teacher it would be to their young minds! How those who enjoy its shade must hallow the memory of the person who planted it and bless those who spared and cared for it. There is no more beautiful service to mankind than the planting of a tree.

In this day of aesthetic awakening, much is being done to bring about the "City Beautiful." Blocks of valuable buildings in the heart of cities have been condemned and planted to grass and trees that the children may have the uplifting influence of a beautiful outside world. With the same care and little expense, your school ground may be made the pride of the community.

A good beginning would be to plant this year an oak, an elm, or a sugar maple or a group of three or five. A woodbine or a Virginia creeper makes a homely fence a thing of beauty. A row of spruce or of Norway pine on two sides makes a good back ground. Groups of trees or shrubs artistically arranged in front of the schoolhouse and near the corners of the yard produce a pretty effect.

An organization of the patrons would perhaps be the most effective way of giving wise directions to the effort to beautify school grounds. Through such an organization, investigation could be made as to what has been done and is being done in other places. Advice from a landscape gardener could be secured as to how to make the most of the opportunity offered by the size and location of your school ground and in other ways the work could be made interesting and effective.

I earnestly hope that the teachers and pupils of many schools will be able to interest the patrons in making such combined and continuous effort for the beautifying of the school grounds on Arbor Day, April 26, 1912.

Very truly yours,

A. M. DEYOE,
Superintendent of Public Instruction.

April 9, 1912.



HOW TO PLANT A TREE



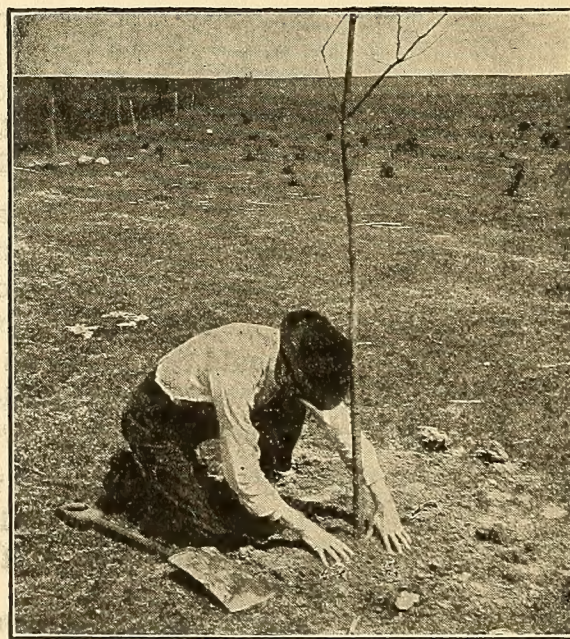
Have all necessary tools—also water—ready for use. Dig the hole a little deeper and wider than the tree requires. Leave some pulverized dirt in the bottom of the hole.



Plant the tree a little deeper than it was originally. Sift the rich, mellow soil, first removed, carefully about the roots. Be sure the roots are spread out. Hold the tree erect and firm.



After the roots are covered, lift the tree slightly allowing it to settle back to insure the filling of all spaces underneath. Tramp the earth down solid as the hole is filled. This will prevent disturbance of roots and keep out air.



Leave a little loose earth on top. Children may plant flowers about the tree. The soil should be cultivated every few days to conserve moisture. Keep free from weeds and grass.

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